

## Study on Ultrasonic-Microwave Synergistic Extraction Process of Tengjiao(*Zanthoxylum schinifolium*) Oil

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**Abstract.** The ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction process parameter of Tengjiao (*Zanthoxylum schinifolium*) oil, such as time, temperature, ratio of solid to liquid, microwave power and ultrasonic power, have been studied by orthogonal experiments. The results indicate that, using colza oil as the extraction medium, the best processes were 7min, 110°C, ratio of solid to liquid 1:25, microwave power 400W and ultrasonic power 800W.

### Introduction

Tengjiao, a kind of *Zanthoxylum schinifolium* et Zucc, has been used of hundreds years in southwest China[1]. The fresh fruit which has a special aroma is used as traditional Chinese condiment for cooking[2]. Since hundreds of years ago, the local residents produced the Tengjiao oil, using hot plant oil, such as colza oil, extract the effective components from the fresh fruit, to preserve the special aroma[3]. But the oil which produced by traditional technology, only contain a little of special aroma. Ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction which was a kind of new technology, not only extract efficiently, but also can improve the quality of oil, save materials, increase the amount of extracted oil, and save energy[4]. This article have studied on the ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction process parameter of Tengjiao oil, such as time, temperature, ratio of solid to liquid, microwave power and ultrasonic power by orthogonal experiments. The result will provide a theoretical basis for the development and produce of Tengjiao oil.

### Materials and methods

**Materials.** Tengjiao were provided by the Xingjiang Company of Hongya.

**Instruments and reagents.** SL-1200 ultrasonic combination microwave reaction system: made by Nanjing downstream Instrument Co., Ltd., FA1104 electron balance: made by Todo Mettler Instrument (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., UV1000 UV-visible spectrophotometer: made by Shanghai Tianmei Scientific Instruments Co., Ltd., HWS-12 Electric heated water bath: made by Shanghai Yiheng Scientific Instruments Co., Ltd., TDL-S-A centrifuge made by Shanghai Anting Scientific Instruments Co., Ltd., dry methanol (AR).

**Methods.** The Tengjiao have been triturated into powder, and sieved by the 26 mesh. 50g of colza oil and different amount of Tengjiao powder were placed into 100ml special glass extract instrument, ultrasonic-microwave extract different time and power, orthogonal experiments have processed, in order to select the optimum extraction conditions. 0.1ml Tengjiao oil dissolve into dry methanol and constant volume to 10ml, bath 40°C and 4h, and centrifuged for 15min for 4500r/min, and the

supernatant absorbance value of 254nm were detected [5,6]. The GC-MS analysis just as Qin & Luo's methods[7,8].

## Results and discussion

**Preliminary experiment.** It was found that the Tengjiao oil ultrasonic extraction optimum conditions was 13min, 1000W, and ratio of solid to liquid 1:25, and the the Tengjiao oil microwave extraction optimum conditions was 10min, 180°C, 600W, and ratio of solid to liquid 1:25. (The results has been published on other journals.)

**Orthogonal test.** On the basis of preliminary experiment, five factors and four levels orthogonal experiment to examine the effect of time, temperature, ratio of solid to liquid, microwave power and ultrasonic power. The absorbance value are used as indicators to determine the optimum level of ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction. Orthogonal test results are shown in Table 1.

Table.1 Orthogonal test results and analysis

No.	Time(min)	Temperature (°C)	Ratio of solid to liquid	Microwave Power (W)	Ultrasonic power(W)	Absorbance values
1	1(7min)	1(90°C)	1(1:25)	1(300W)	1(600W)	2.911
2	1	2(100 °C)	2(1:30)	2(400W)	2(800W)	2.874
3	1	3(110 °C)	3(1:35)	3(500W)	3(1000W)	2.755
4	1	4(120 °C)	4(1:40)	4(600W)	4(1200W)	2.326
5	2(10min)	1	2	3	4	2.550
6	2	2	1	4	3	2.932
7	2	3	4	1	2	2.469
8	2	4	3	2	1	2.716
9	3(13min)	1	3	4	2	2.726
10	3	2	4	3	1	2.214
11	3	3	1	2	4	2.884
12	3	4	2	1	3	2.659
13	4(16min)	1	4	2	3	2.264
14	4	2	3	1	4	2.472
15	4	3	2	4	1	2.635
16	4	4	1	3	2	2.856
K1	2.716	2.613	2.896	2.628	2.619	—
K2	2.667	2.623	2.679	2.684	2.731	—
K3	2.621	2.686	2.667	2.594	2.652	—
K4	2.557	2.639	2.318	2.655	2.558	—
R	0.159	0.073	0.578	0.090	0.173	—

According to Table 1, the most important effect factor was the ratio of solid to liquid, ultrasonic power was the second important effect factor, time was the third, microwave power was the fourth and the effect of temperature was the minimum. It was found that the Tengjiao oil ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction optimum conditions was A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>3</sub>C<sub>1</sub>D<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub>, which was 7min, 110°C, ratio of solid to liquid 1:25, microwave power 400W and ultrasonic power 800W.

**Verification tests.** The optimum conditions A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>3</sub>C<sub>1</sub>D<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> was not exist in the orthogonal experiment. 50g of colza oil were placed in the reaction vessel, 7min, 110°C, ratio of solid to liquid 1:25,

microwave power 400W and ultrasonic power 800W, the absorbance value was measured. The result showed that absorbance value of A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>3</sub>C<sub>1</sub>D<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> was 2.992, which was the highest value of all.

**GC-MS analysis.** The Tengjiao oil which made by ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction methods, was analyzed by GC-MS. It was found that the volatile components mainly consist of linalool, dextral limonene, myrcene, elemene and caryophyllene. Compared with the Tengjiao oil which produced by traditional technology, effective component species did not change, but the content and the ratio of effective component are differently. GC-MS results are shown in Table 2 and Figure 1.

Table.2 Tengjiao oil composition and relative content

NO.	Time(min)	name	molecular formula	relative content (%)
6	8.078	3-Thujene	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	1.509
7	10.441	Sabinene	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	8.421
8	11.532	Myrcene	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	2.737
9	12.275	Terpinolene	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	0.456
10	12.92	Cyclohexene,1-methyl-4-(1-methylet nyl)-,(4R)-	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	20.702
11	13.278	3-methylene-6-(1-methylethyl)-Cycl ohexene	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	1.193
12	13.388	Cineole	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	1.158
13	14.462	g-Terpinene	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	1.789
14	17.084	1,3-Dimethylcyclopentane	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	0.807
15	19.211	1-Nonanal	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O	1.544
16	22.29	Furan, 2-propyl-	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	2.105
17	23.529	Linalool	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O	33.158
18	24.703	(-)-g-Cadinene		1.053
19	24.978	β-Elemene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	2.667
20	25.358	l-Caryophyllene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	2.070
21	26.355	2-Cyclohexen-1-ol	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	1.298
22	28.977	Naphthalene,1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,8a-octahy dro-4a,8-dimethyl-2-(1-methylethy l)-, (2R,4aR,8aR)-	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	0.877
23	29.451	-	-	1.123
24	31.148	trans,trans-2,4-Decadien-1-al	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O	2.702

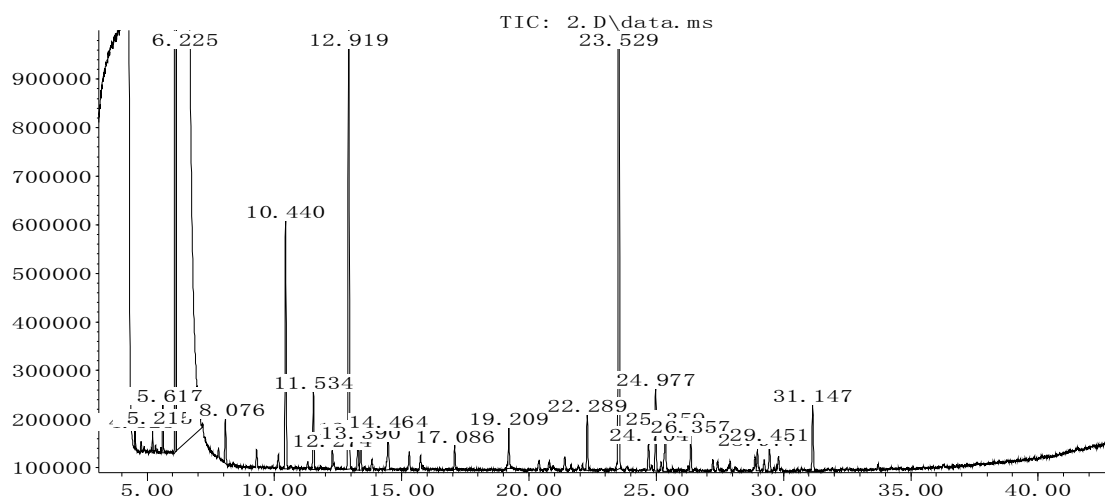


Figure 1 Tengjiao oil GC-MS analysis

## Conclusions

Ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction of Tengjiao oil compared with traditional processes can greatly save time and improve product quality. The results of orthogonal experiment were shown that the optimum levels of ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction were 7min, 110°C, ratio of solid to liquid 1:25, microwave power 400W and ultrasonic power 800W, which means less time, lower temperature, microwave power and ultrasonic power than ultrasonic extraction and microwave extraction. The result of this experiment means ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction technology shows the advantage only in the laboratory, and could not use in industrial applications directly. The industrial applications of ultrasonic-microwave synergistic extraction are one of the problems of the food industry in the future and need further study.

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